

## Looking for Laughs?

## Try these Teen reads with humor



Beaudoin, Sean You Killed Wesley Payne (2011)

In this satirical detective story, Dalton tries to solve the case of a dead student while trying to outwit the police and negotiate the school's cliques.

Bray, Libba Beauty Queens (2011)

Teen beauty contestants are stranded on an island where they struggle to

survive and still learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued.

Curtis, Christopher Paul Bucking the Sarge (2004)

Luther T. Farrel has got to get out of Flint, but the only way to do it is to bust out of the Evil Empire his mother, a.k.a. the Sarge, has him trapped in.

Emond, Stephen Happyface (2010)

After going through traumatic times, a troubled, socially awkward teen moves

to a new school where he tries to reinvent himself.

Green, John An Abundance of Katherines (2006)

After being dumped for the 19th time by a girl named Katherine, Colin sets off

on a road trip with his best friend to find a new direction in life.

Halpern, Julie Into the Wild Nerd Yonder (2009)

When Jessie's best friend turns into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be

boyfriend, Jessie decides to seek true friends among the nerd crowd.

Hartinger, Brent Project Sweet Life (2009)

Three friends dedicate their summer vacation to fooling their parents into thinking that they are working, which is even harder than having real jobs.

Korman, Gordon Son of the Mob (2002)

Son of a powerful mafia boss, Vince's life is continually complicated by the

fact that he's in love with an FBI agent's daughter.

Larbelstier, Justine How to Ditch Your Fairy (2008)

14 year old Charlie decides she does not want her personal fairy and has

misadventures designed to replace her invisible sprite.

Lieb, Josh I Am A Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be

Your Class President (2009)

Oliver seems stupid and lazy, but he is actually a wealthy, evil genius who decides nothing will stand in his way when he decides to be class president.

Lockhart, E. The Boyfriend List (2005)

Ruby explains the reasons for her recent panic attacks, including a break up,

losing her girlfriends, tensions between her parents, and more.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie (2005) Lubar, David

While navigating his freshmen year and the birth of his new brother, Scott

loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones.

Moriarity, Jaclyn The Year of Secret Assignments (2004)

> Three Ashbury High girls write to three Brookfield High boys as pen pals, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools.

Nielsen-Fernlund, Susan

Dear George Clooney, Please Marry My Mom (2010)

Tired of her mom's poor taste in boyfriends, Violet and her friend Phoebe decide they need to help out and try to snag George Clooney for her.

Paulsen, Gary

Harris and Me (1993)

Sent to live with relatives because of his unhappy home life, a boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.

Proimos, James

12 Things to do Before You Crash and Burn (2011)

James "Hercules" Martino completes twelve tasks while spending time with his uncle gaining insight into himself, his uncle, and his recently deceased father.

Rennison, Louise

Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging (1999)

The journal of a British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her cat from terrorizing other animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.

Rosoff, Meg

There is no Dog (2012)

When Lucy prays to fall in love, God, an irresponsible youth named Bob, chooses to answer her prayer personally which results in catastrophes.

Schmidt, Gary

The Wednesday Wars (2007)

In 1967, while his friends are in religious education class, Holling Hoodhood is stuck in Mrs. Baker's class reading the plays of Shakespeare.

Van de Ruit, John

**Spud** (2005)

Spud keeps a diary of his time at an elite, boys-only boarding school, as he deals with crazy housemates, wild crushes, embarrassing parents, and more.

Zadoff, Allen

Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have (2009)

Andrew, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.

Zeitlin, Meredith

Freshman Year and Other Unnatural Disasters (2012)

Smart, ambitious, and occasionally insecure freshman Kelsey attempts to

"rebrand" herself for high school but without much success.

Ziegler, Jennifer

How Not To Be Popular (2008)

Sugar's plan to be unpopular at her new school backfires when others join her on the path to "supreme dorkdom."